

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-241-C - ORDER NO. 2005-463
AUGUST 31, 2005

IN RE:	Request of Extended Area Service (EAS) –)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
	Rock Hill Telephone Company, Lancaster)	EAS DOCKET AND
	Telephone Company and Fort Mill Telephone)	ORDERING COST
	Company, All DBA Comporium)	STUDIES
	Communications)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the letter of Representative Kirsh, which was filed in connection with Docket No. 2005-203-C. That letter discusses countywide toll-free calling with regard to all telephone utilities operating in York County. Since Docket No. 2005-203-C is a request by the Comporium Companies for alternative regulation under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576, a separate issue, we believe that Representative Kirsh's letter would be better considered in a new and separate docket, which we hereby establish.

The gravamen of Representative Kirsh's letter and request is that Extended Area Service (EAS) be established in York County, so that countywide toll-free calling may be accomplished. We hereby request that the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) study the costs of such a proposal and available alternatives. ORS should provide a recommendation to the Commission concerning the disposition of this matter within sixty (60) days of its receipt of this Order.

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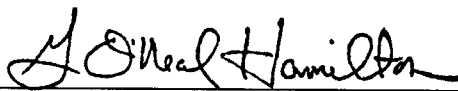
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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